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Exile vs. Death

After being found guilty, Socrates could have proposed **exile** instead of death. If he left Athens, he might have lived a long life elsewhere. But he argued that exile would silence his mission to challenge people toward truth, and he chose death instead.

Moral Dilemma Scenarios: For each situation below, write whether you think Socrates **should have chosen exile or death**, and explain why.

1. **Scenario 1:** Imagine Athens allowed Socrates to live quietly in another city, without questioning anyone. Would it still be worthwhile for Socrates to live?
2. **Scenario 2:** Suppose Socrates went into exile but continued to question and provoke citizens in his new home. Would his philosophy spread, or would he face the same fate again?
3. **Scenario 3:** If Socrates had chosen exile, how might the history of philosophy have been different? Would his ideas be weaker or stronger without his dramatic death?
4. **Scenario 4:** Consider Socrates' students, like Plato. Would Socrates' example of living in exile inspire them as much as his death did? Why or why not?